

House Resolution No. 1124

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished herself as a leader of her community; and

Whereas, Vivian Simmons Hardiman, an esteemed resident of St. Louis, Missouri, will receive the prestigious Special Appreciation Award during Lincoln University's Fifth Annual President's Gala, Recognition, and Auction to be held March 24, 2007; and

Whereas, Vivian Hardiman distinguished herself as a dormitory director at Lincoln University for many years, overseeing the activities of Anthony Hall and Bennett Hall and helping plan Lincoln's Mother/Daughter Week and homecoming festivities; and

Whereas, Vivian Hardiman came into this world in Jefferson City, Missouri, on February 20, 1914, as the oldest of six children born to loving parents Jasper and Ardella Simmons, and received her education at Lincoln University Grade School; and

Whereas, in 1939, Vivian married her beloved Arthur Hardiman, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she shared twenty-eight years of wedded success and happiness until his death in 1967, following which she quit her job as a seamstress to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a dormitory director at Lincoln University; and

Whereas, a devout member of Quinn Chapel AME Church where she has glorified the Lord as a member of the Steward Board, Board of Trustees, and Treasurer for more than thirty-five years, Vivian Hardiman is the proud sister of distinguished Lincoln University alumni Richard Simmons and Jasper Simmons; and the sister-in-law of James M. Bailey:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Arthur Hardiman at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Vivian Simmons Hardiman.

Offered by _____
Representative Rodney R. Hubbard
District No. 58

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1124, adopted March 13, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker